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# Community

The Magazine of Wright State University



**Everyday Miracles:  
Providing Compassionate  
Medicine in Swaziland**





## Women's basketball team wraps up one of their best seasons



### IT WAS A SEASON FILLED WITH MILESTONES

as the Wright State women's basketball team, under first-year head coach Mike Bradbury, finished 20-13 on the season and advanced to the quarterfinals of the Women's Basketball Invitational (WBI) before falling 75-73 to Manhattan.

The appearance in the WBI was the first Division I postseason action ever for the Raiders, and the two games in the tournament against Buffalo and Manhattan were the first college basketball postseason games to be held at Wright State University's Nutter Center.

The 20 wins are the most for Wright State since moving up to Division I in 1987-88 and are the second-most in school history behind the 24-6 mark in its final season in Division II in 1986-87.

#### Senior guard LaShawna Thomas

was a First Team All-Horizon League selection as she set a school record for most points by a senior with 614. She finished second on Wright State's all-time scoring list with 1,653 points and placed in the top 10 in games and minutes played, field goals made and attempted, three-pointers made and attempted, free throws made and attempted, assists and steals.

Junior forward Molly Fox was selected Second Team All-Horizon League as she finished among the national leaders in field goal percentage and rebounds while senior forward Shaunda Sandifer was named to the league's All-Newcomer Team. Sandifer averaged 6.4 points and 9.1 rebounds per game in her first season with the team after completing a four-year career with the Raider volleyball team, where she earned All-Horizon League honors her final three years.

Wright State made 10 or more three-pointers in a game six times this year and set a new school record for threes in a season with 227 in 33 games, bettering the previous mark of 161 through 32 games in 2007-08. The Raiders also set a new school record for threes in a game with 13 against Valparaiso on January 8, eclipsing the 12 made earlier this season at Cincinnati on December 18, with the previous record being 11 made at Loyola on February 28, 1996, and at Green Bay on March 6, 2008.

Individually, Maria Bennett set an individual school record for threes in a game with eight against Valparaiso on January 8, five of those coming in the second half. Bennett broke the previous mark of seven, set on four different occasions. She also set the single-season record for threes with 92, bettering the 84 made by Chanda Hollingsworth in 2000-01.

1. Shaunda Sandifer
2. Shaunda Sandifer on the jump ball with Maria Bennett (33) and Courtney Boyd (23)
3. LaShawna Thomas
4. Molly Fox
5. Coach Mike Bradbury, LaShawna Thomas (3), and Ta-myra Davis (5)
6. Maria Bennett
7. Paige Lowe
8. Maria Bennett

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## Welcome to this issue of *Community* magazine.

**CHANGING LIVES . . .** it is the very  
core of Wright State University's mission.

As you may know from your own personal  
experience, many students find their chance  
to shine at Wright State. Here they embrace  
the opportunities that abound on campus  
to better their lives through education, networking, and other academic  
endeavors—enabling them to make a difference in their own lives and the  
lives they touch.

I have always said that Wright State's alumni are changing lives all over  
the world. Harry VanderWal is a perfect example. Harry, a graduate of the  
Boonshoft School of Medicine, and his wife, Echo, have dedicated their lives  
to providing health care and compassion to the people of Swaziland. You will  
meet this amazing family in this issue of *Community* and see how they are  
changing lives in a country with the highest rate of HIV and AIDS in the world.

With so many remarkable stories of students and alumni who are making  
a difference, *Changing Lives* is an appropriate theme for Wright State's new  
advertising and marketing plan.

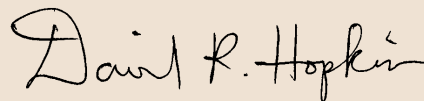
Perhaps you have seen the billboards around town, read the newspaper ads,  
listened to the radio, or watched television spots where our students, faculty,  
staff, and alumni are featured.

How did Wright State change your life? How are you helping to improve the  
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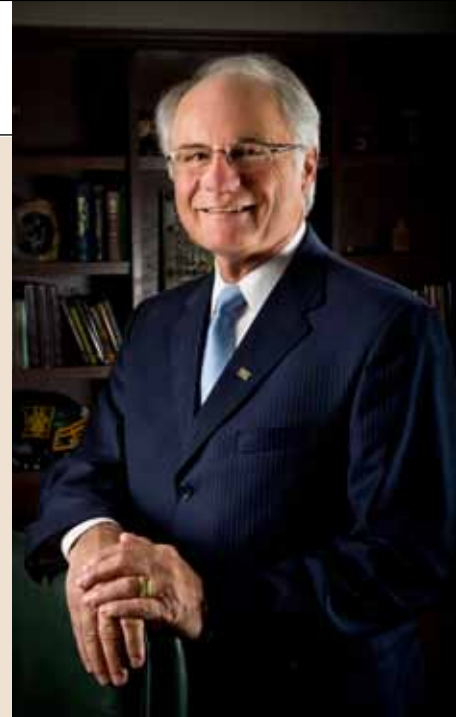
I encourage you to visit [www.wright.edu/changinglives](http://www.wright.edu/changinglives) and share your  
story with us.

While you're online, read the stories, watch the videos of our students and  
alumni, and see for yourself why changing lives...is so Wright State.

Warmest regards from campus,



DAVID R. HOPKINS  
PRESIDENT  
WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY



# Soldier fatigue, spotting terrorists

BY JIM HANNAH

focus of Air Force research contract for Wright State, business partners

## THE WRIGHT STATE RESEARCH

**INSTITUTE (WSRI)** is leading a major effort designed to help the Air Force improve human performance in dealing with terrorist threats, combat fatigue, and other defense issues.

Air Force research contracts of up to \$6.4 million were awarded to Wright State University and a regional consortium of companies in December.

The WSRI-led Human Performance Consortium is conducting the five-year research effort, which will support the mission of the 711th Human Performance Wing and the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The 711th is overseeing the Air Force's human-performance research, which is moving to Wright-Patterson as a result of the nation's 2005 base realignment and closure decisions.

"Wright State University is proud to be part of a consortium with expertise in human performance that makes this an attractive place for the Air Force to do this business," said Wright State University President David R. Hopkins. "The university is eager to play an increasing role in turning research into technologies that grow businesses and create jobs of the future for the region."

The consortium, which currently consists of the research institute and a number of area high-tech organizations,

was formed to give the Air Force a one-stop shop of expertise, equipment, and facilities to help it achieve its human-performance objectives.

WSRI Director Ryan Fendley said the award puts the research institute into a leadership position of delivering state-of-the-art technological solutions in human performance to the Air Force.

"Over the course of the work, several Wright State researchers and graduate students will have the opportunity to collaborate with the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) as we conduct more than a half-dozen interrelated research initiatives," Fendley said. "This will present a unique opportunity for Wright State to build a long-term relationship with AFRL that can expand both within and beyond the human-performance domain."

One contract enables the consortium to use neuroscience and medical imaging to predict how soldiers will perform under certain conditions

and improve that performance.

Consortium members contributing to the neuroscience and medical imaging research include Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). The other partners are Applied Research Associates and the Kettering Health Network.

"We are pleased to partner in this innovative research," said Fred Manchur,

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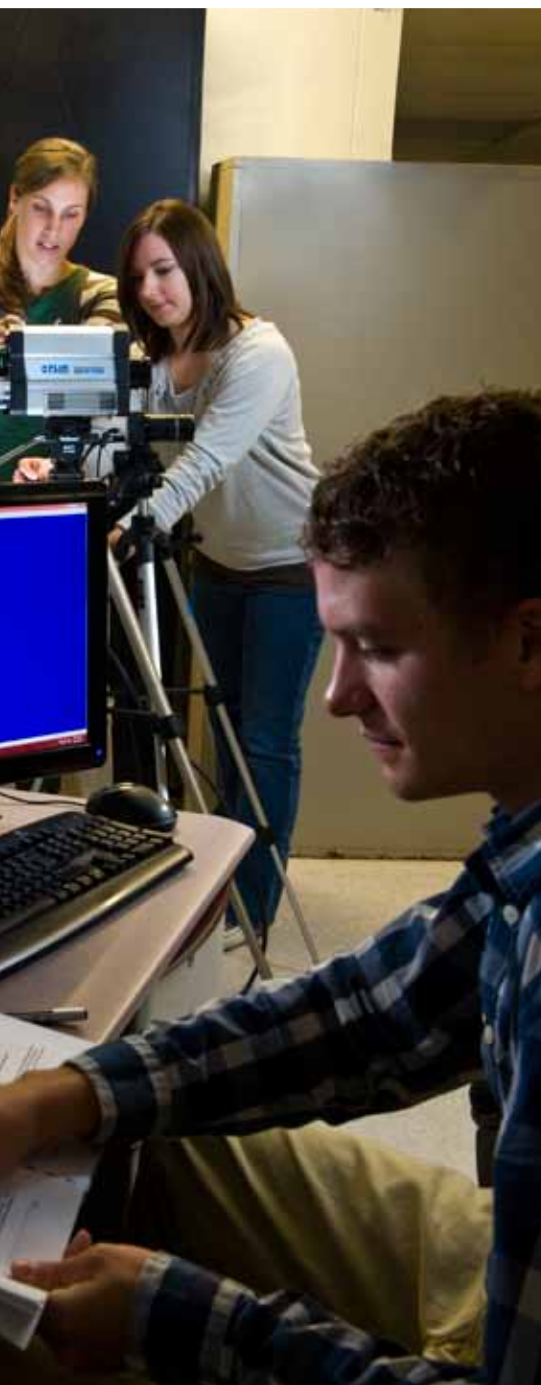


Kettering Health Network CEO.

One of the research areas is investigating how soldiers respond to fatigue.

"Are some people able to power through it? Do some people need a caffeine pill? Within 36 hours do some people need to shut down for 12?" said Fendley. "It impacts mission effectiveness. If you've got two people





how intelligence and information is processed and analyzed. Researchers at Wright State are developing these techniques and tools, and working with the consortium partners to test the performance with actual operational users in a high-fidelity environment.

Dennis Andersh, SAIC's Dayton account executive, said the research and development under the contracts will help revolutionize how new warfighting systems and technology will be developed, implemented, and integrated with the operator over the next decade.

"By optimizing human performance solutions that meet increasingly complex mission requirements, reductions in manpower cost, as well as decision-making timelines and

operator workload can be achieved," Andersh said. "This research initiative is imperative to help reshape the military's ability to rapidly and accurately utilize all the human systems' analysis, engineering, and performance tools that are available to the Department of Defense, intelligence, and Homeland Security communities."

Research in this program is being done by Wright State University, SAIC, Advanced Technical Intelligence Center, Radiance Technologies, and daytaOhio.

"It really shows the diversity of the region in its expertise. We've got organizations that are across the board," Fendley said. "We all recognize that this is the tip of the iceberg. If this model is successful, we can change the way the region does collaborative research." ☐

## Wright State launches online **NEWSROOM**

**STAY UP-TO-DATE** with the latest Wright State news. Our online newsroom debuted in December 2010 and serves as a unique source for stories and information about the Wright State community.

Topics from every corner of campus can be found, ranging from in-depth stories on cutting-edge research to event announcements. Faculty and alumni stories are prevalent, as are videos and photo galleries.

The site is a one-stop shop for anyone interested in the most recent news from Wright State. Check it out and help spread the word about the Wright State online newsroom:

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on a seven-person team that in the 37th hour need toothpicks to keep their eyes open, you have a problem."

Another contract involves research into human signatures such as behavior or micro facial expressions that might predict terrorist threats.

The consortium is investigating new techniques and developing new technologies that will transform



# In a country ravaged by HIV and AIDS, The Luke Commission brings health care and hope to the people of Swaziland

BY KIM PATTON

**O**N A DARK AND FOGGY NIGHT in the Swaziland bush, The Luke Commission is on a quest—a quest to find a young mother and her two children, ages 5 and 6. The family had been at The Luke Commission's clinic earlier in the day, where all three had tested positive for HIV.

Before the doctors could get the family started on a treatment plan of anti-retrovirals, the mother and her two children disappeared. After enlisting the help of the local police, The Luke Commission co-founder Echo VanderWal and one of her Swazi team members get into the back of a police van.

The police drive until the road ends. Everyone gets out of the van and walks through the bush. When they arrive at the family's mud and stick hut, all they can hear is coughing inside.

"It was the obvious TB cough," Echo recalls.

"We need you to come back," they tell the mother. The father, who had not been at the clinic earlier, appears.

One by one, they carry out each sleeping child. It isn't until they get into the light that Echo sees how sick the family really is.

Only the 11-year-old girl is not positive. The other three children, mother, and father all screen positive for TB.

Within a month, no one is coughing. The TB treatments have worked. An HIV treatment regimen is also under way.

"It is just amazing to see the difference in that family," says Echo. "The mother told us, 'You came and took us from the grave. We would have been dead if you weren't there.'"

## From Wright State to Swaziland

Harry VanderWal wanted to be a calculus professor. But when he decided to go overseas, he realized that becoming a doctor would be a better way to serve people in other countries.

After graduating from Cedarville College, Harry enrolled in Wright State University's Boonshoft School of

Medicine. His wife Echo, also a Cedarville graduate, went to the Kettering College of Medical Arts to become a physician's assistant.

Harry chose Wright State for its community-based medical program. "I really appreciated that," he said. "I was also accepted at the University of Cincinnati and Ohio State, but chose Wright State for that purpose."

Working in four different hospitals as a resident, Harry developed a diverse base of knowledge and experience. He graduated in 2002 and completed his residency in internal medicine and pediatrics in 2006.

During Harry's third year of medical school, Echo gave birth to triplets—Zebadiah, Jacob, and Luke—now age 9. The VanderWal's fourth son, Zion, is 6 years old.



# Everyday Miracles





"Having triplets set the stage for working overseas," said Echo. "We learned how to multitask and not stress about the little things."

In 2004, the VanderWals traveled to Swaziland, a country in southern Africa with the highest rate of HIV and AIDS in the world. By 2012, 20 percent of the population will be orphans under the age of 17.

When they arrived in Swaziland, the VanderWals noticed a visible gap in available health care services between the cities and rural areas. In a country where 70 percent of the population lives on less than one dollar per day, people are forced to choose between food and health care.

"If you don't have money for food that day, are you going to have money for transport to go from your home to the city for health care?" said Echo. "We realized right away that people who lived in rural areas—who are usually children, grandmothers who are taking care of the children, unemployed

people, and the very, very sick—do not have money to access health care."

When the VanderWals made their second trip to Swaziland in 2005, they felt a calling to make their home there and to provide health care to those who could not afford it. Harry was still working on his residency at Wright State, so the VanderWals used this time to begin building the infrastructure for The Luke Commission.

When Harry completed his residency in 2006, the VanderWals moved to Swaziland and began forming relationships with local communities. As Echo explained, "Relationships are the currency of Africa. If you don't build relationships, you will not have a real impact."

### Providing care and compassion

Since its inception, The Luke Commission has provided comprehensive health care to 100,000 patients in more than 200 remote locations. In 2010 alone, they provided 67,000 medical services and traveled 13,000 miles.

At every site, The Luke Commission assesses the health care needs of 600 to 1,000 people. A team of highly trained Swazis handles the preliminary triage, and Harry treats an average of 450 patients per day. The Swazi team provides HIV counseling to the 150 to 200 people who are tested at each clinic.

The disabled receive wheelchairs. People with vision problems are diagnosed and fitted with eyeglasses. Orphans are clothed. School children receive school supplies and Operation Christmas Child gifts.

"We are helping them with today's problems," said Harry. "We are helping them with today's aches and pains and today's coughs and rashes."

As patients are being treated for other problems, they are offered testing for HIV. Unlike other facilities in Swaziland, where there is a separate line for HIV testing, The Luke Commission provides comprehensive health care.

"It's been very exciting to see the way they have embraced testing," said Echo. Since 80 percent of those who are HIV positive are also infected with TB, The Luke Commission also screens for tuberculosis.

The VanderWals are quick to praise the work many other organizations are doing in Swaziland. "We're filling a niche that no one else is really doing as far as getting into the rural areas," Harry explained. "We piggyback on the work people are doing in the cities and place people who are very sick into those programs or into the government clinics."

The **VanderWals** on a recent visit to Dayton—**Zebediah, Jacob, Echo, Zion, Harry, and Luke.**







The VanderWals also work hand-in-hand with the Swazi people. They have a team of 15 Swazis who assist with all aspects of The Luke Commission's operations.

"They're in the foreground now and we're in the background. That is an amazing picture," said Echo. "Harry and I stand back sometimes and watch and think 'we're watching a miracle.' The Swazis can impact their own people in a way that we never could as outsiders."

When the VanderWals are at home in the city of Manzini, people line up outside their front door for treatment. Twice a week, The Luke Commission team travels over mountains and savannahs, often on dirt roads, for as long as 90 minutes to three hours to reach people in rural areas. Working well into the night, they use generators and construction lighting to see. They do not leave until every patient has been treated.

Along for the journey are the couple's four sons. The boys help load and unload supplies for the clinics and often sing in SiSwati for the crowds. They are schooled remotely by Florida Pensacola Christian School and do their homework in the transport vehicles on the way to the clinics.

"Kids bridge cultural barriers in a way you never could," said Echo. "Kids are a universal language."

### Help from the Miami Valley

The VanderWals travel to the United States and Canada in November and December, during Swaziland's rainy season, for speaking engagements and other events to raise money for The Luke Commission.

Christian Life Center (CLC) in Dayton is one of The Luke Commission's major supporters.

Paul Carlson, who formerly served as associate dean for student affairs and



admissions in the Boonshoft School of Medicine, is a member of CLC. Carlson knew the VanderWals when Harry was in medical school and he visited a Luke Commission clinic during one of his three trips to Swaziland.

"They are making an enormous difference. The number of people that they help in any given trip out into the bush is just phenomenal," said Carlson. "The VanderWals are just a terrific family and couple, and what they do over there is absolutely amazing."

CLC has pledged \$125,000 toward construction of The Luke Commission's "miracle campus," which will include an extended care and treatment facility, storage facilities for vehicles and medical supplies, and housing for the VanderWals, their staff, volunteers, and patients. The VanderWals hope to build phase one by the end of this year.

"We're thankful for all the pieces and parts that people have played so far to help us get to where we are," said Harry.

In a country where people have a life expectancy of only 32 years, thousands of Swazis are being healed with the kindness, compassion, and care that only The Luke Commission can provide.

As Echo said, "We love the people and we want to see them have hope and health." 📺



Visit [www.wright.edu/community](http://www.wright.edu/community) to watch a video of The Luke Commission's work in Swaziland.





## Medical Services Provided by The Luke Commission in 2010

Mobile Clinic Outreaches	42	Cataract Cases Referred	135
Follow-up HIV/TB and Extended Care Clinics	68	HIV/TB Referrals Tracked	892
Medical Patients Treated	19,553	Laboratory Services Rendered	3,304
Eyeglasses Fitted	7,704	TB Screenings Completed	4,567
Blood Pressures and Sugars Tested	15,134	Prevention of Mother-to-Child HIV Services Provided	247
Surgeries/Long-Term Care Sponsored	145	Community Members Educated about Male Circumcision	7,475
Patients Tested and Counseled for HIV	5,862	HIV Anti-retroviral Adherence Counseling Sessions Delivered	1,054
Wheelchairs/Adaptive Equipment Fitted	144	Patients Counseled, Tested, Serviced at Follow-up Clinics	756
		<b>Total Medical Services Provided</b>	<b>67,082</b>





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# FAMILY AFFAIR

BY JIM HANNAH

**A PLAQUE CELEBRATING A HOLE-IN-ONE** sits on the bookshelf in the office of Michael Bridges, president of Peerless Technologies Corporation.

The 51-year-old Bridges says the ace occurred “way back when” during one of the first rounds of golf he ever played.

After teeing off on the par 3, 14th hole at Twin Base Golf Course on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Bridges’ ball vanished.

“We looked and we looked and we looked,” he recalled.

Exasperated, Bridges was tramping back up the course across the green and preparing to throw down a new ball when he pulled up the pin and there it was—a hole-in-one.

It turns out that hole-in-one wasn’t the only one for Bridges. But the second ace had nothing to do with luck and everything to do with smarts, skill, and hard work.

Bridges hit a hole-in-one with Peerless Technologies, a high-tech, military-focused research and consulting company that in 10 short years has steadily swelled to more than 85 employees and operations in six states.

Peerless is a family affair. Bridges’ daughter, Andrea Kunk, is the chief financial officer. His son, David, worked at the company managing its information and communication systems, until his recent commission as a cyberspace operations officer in the Air Force.

All three are graduates of Wright State University, as is Bridges’ wife, Marcia. Even Andrea’s husband, James Kunk, is a Wright State grad. And Peerless is filled with employees who call Wright State their alma mater.

Bridges graduated from Wright State in 1981 in systems engineering,

mechanical options. It was a well-rounded technical discipline that didn’t lock him in to any one thing.

“It gave me a fundamental solid education that I could take in many different directions, and that’s what I did,” he said. “I had the training to become a specialist, but took it in a direction of becoming more of a generalist in terms of business.”

The direction Bridges took was to build a 20-year career in defense contracting, working for firms from San Diego to Washington, D.C., before returning home and then starting his own company in 2000.

Bridges borrowed the name of his father’s company—Peerless Transportation and Storage—then called on his daughter to set up an accounting system and lay other groundwork for the new business. He also enlisted the help of The Entrepreneurs Center, a Dayton technology business incubator that nourishes startup companies.

Barbara Hayde, president of The Entrepreneurs Center, said Bridges instantly immersed himself into doing all the right things.

“He’s an excellent salesperson. And he’s a risk taker,” said Hayde. “It’s not one bit of surprise to me that he’s as successful as he is.”

Peerless headquarters, which sits just outside the fence line of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, hums with scientists and engineers working on computer, human-performance, and intelligence technologies for the military and other federal clients.

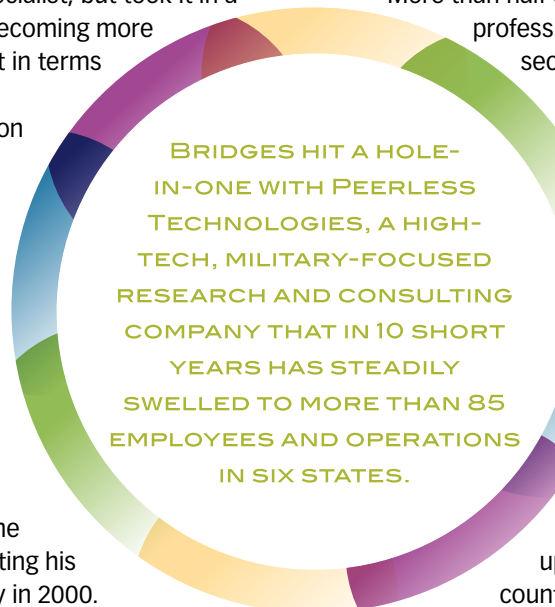
More than half of the company’s professional staff holds security clearances.

“We do some classified programs, but I would say much of that is much more mundane than you would think,” Bridges said. “But the ‘mundane’ adds up to protecting the country.”

Peerless is currently working on a program for the Department of Homeland Security. It involves developing computer software for building owners that will enable them to determine the best locations in buildings to install sensors that detect the release of chemical or biological weapons by terrorists.

For example, said Bridges, the software would point the operators of Wright State University’s Nutter Center to the prime places to temporarily install such sensors if President Obama paid a visit.

Peerless was among six companies that recently won a \$93 million Air Force contract to provide medical,



computer, and financial support for the transfer of the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine from Texas to Wright-Patterson as part of the Base Realignment and Closure Act.

The aerospace school examines the stresses of aircraft and spacecraft travel on the human body. In addition to the 1,100 jobs that will be transferred or created at Wright-Patterson, the move is also expected to generate as many as 250 contractor-related jobs for doctors, nurses, molecular biologists, and other professionals.

Peerless announced the contract award during a news conference at Wright State. The company's subcontractors include Wright State, the Wright State Research Institute, the Boonshoft School of Medicine, and the medical school's Division of Aerospace Medicine.

Bridges grew up in Dayton and began attending Wright State when he was still a senior at Stebbins High School. Before he graduated from Wright State, he put in several stints at Wright-Patterson, working in the Flight Dynamics Lab and at the Air Logistics Command Headquarters. Bridges later moved to the Aeronautical Systems Center, where he worked on the F-16 jet fighter program.

Bridges' affection for military aircraft is hard to hide. The walls at Peerless headquarters are lined with photos of military planes, including the exotic Bird of Prey, a black-project aircraft designed to demonstrate stealth technology.

There is also a tribute to aviation history. Wooden propellers hang motionless on the walls of the main stairway as if frozen in mid-spin. And a faded handbill trumpeting Charles

Lindbergh's national tour following his famous trans-Atlantic flight peers out from behind a glass frame.

The headquarters is a stone's throw from Wright State, which was more than just a center of learning for Bridges. He met his wife-to-be at the school library, where she worked as a summer hire. The two were married a year later and currently live in a country home near Yellow Springs.

Marcia Bridges, who graduated from Wright State with a degree in biology in 1983, recently completed her master's degree in counseling and hopes to use the family's horses to do equine therapy,

in which horses are used to promote emotional growth.

Son David graduated from Wright State with a business degree in Management Information Systems (MIS) in 2006 and completed the Master of Information Systems cohort in 2010.

The couple's daughter, Andrea Kunk, graduated from Wright State in 2004, also with a business degree in MIS and then earned her MBA from Wright State in 2007. She has been invited to become a part of Wright State's newly formed Information Services/Supply Chain Management Council. ■



The Bridges family at Peerless Technologies Corporation. (Left to right: David Bridges, James Kunk, Andrea Kunk, Marcia Bridges, and Michael Bridges).



# Tale of 2 careers

## Wright State couple combines medicine & finance

BY JIM HANNAH

**L**IKE MANY GRADUATES OF MEDICAL SCHOOL, Michele Torres-Winburn set out to practice family medicine. But somewhere along the way, the Wright State University alumna discovered a different passion.

Torres-Winburn, M.D., gravitated with laser-beam intensity to hospital medicine, drawn by the magnetic pull of the end-of-life care she did with patients.

"I had an experience with a patient where I ended up being an advocate for him at the end of his life," she recalled. "I just felt I could better talk to families about it, and I didn't mind talking to families about it. That's what really drew me in because the families really connected with me in the process."

Michele is a hospitalist, a specialized group of medical caregivers who oversee a patient's hospital care. Hospitalists help manage the hospital process, communicate with the often-numerous physicians involved in the patient's care, and directly interact with the patient's family. She is also an associate professor for the Department of Family Medicine at Wright State University's Boonshoft School of Medicine.

"I do like taking care of the sicker patients," said Michele. "I feel like we see a lot of difference in our patients right away. In the hospital, people turn around in a day or in hours sometimes."

Michele isn't the only Wright State grad in the family. So is her husband, RoShawn Winburn, a military veteran and investment advisor.

When Michele and RoShawn bumped into each other during registration at

Wright State in 1994, it was a reunion of two friends from high school days. It was also the beginning of a romance that ultimately resulted in their marriage.

Today, the couple balances hectic and irregular work schedules with raising two daughters at their home in suburban Huber Heights. They look back wistfully on their days at Wright State.

Michele remembers acts of kindness that enabled her to stay on track in her medical studies—how she was permitted to wear a hazmat mask during anatomy class in medical school to protect her unborn baby from formaldehyde fumes; how the professors recorded their lectures and had them delivered to her after she was ordered to remain in bed during the final weeks of her pregnancy.





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"They saw a potential in me to allow me to do things a little bit outside the norm to still be able to succeed," she said.

RoShawn remembers learning about the world of high finance by digging into the abundance of expertise Wright State had to offer, getting to know his professors, and availing himself of finance-related clubs and extracurricular activities. He learned real-world investing, stock selection, and how to present to an audience.

"I was going to school during the day and working the evenings and at night," he recalled. "There were a lot of resources available on campus, but you had to go and kind of get them yourself."

RoShawn grew up in Dayton. His mother is an educator and his father, Roland, is a psychologist by training who currently serves as a state representative for the 40th Ohio House District.

RoShawn became interested in the stock market as a student at Chaminade Julianne Catholic High School when he had to select stocks as part of a social studies project.

He also became interested in financial careers—reading *Forbes* magazine and watching *Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous*—and learned that many of the most successful businessmen attributed their success to the discipline they learned while in the military.

RoShawn enlisted in the Air Force, spending his military career in security.

Following basic and technical training, RoShawn attended The Ohio State University and worked at a local radio station before transferring to

Wright State, then one of the few schools in the nation to offer a degree in financial services.

Michele spent her early years in her native Puerto Rico. She arrived in the United States at age 7 when her parents took jobs at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton.

"I can remember being excited about seeing snow," she recalled.

Michele attended Stebbins High School, where she learned about Horizons in Medicine, a medical-career program that landed her a one-year scholarship to Wright State.

She obtained her bachelor's degree in chemistry and master's degree in organic chemistry before going on to medical school at the university. There, she had to juggle marriage, pregnancy, and studies before graduating in 2003.

"Wright State helped me a lot of times in getting through tough times," she said. "I was able to connect a lot with my professors. The mentorship I received there was huge."

As Michele's medical career was getting started, so was her husband's financial career. In 2008, RoShawn founded what is now Aspyre Advisors, a Dayton firm that offers investment management, retirement planning, small business consulting, and other financial services.

It was the realization of a dream that had begun back in high school. RoShawn uses his financial skills to touch people on a human level.

"I didn't want to be stuck behind a desk all day. I didn't want to be crunching numbers on the computer," he said. "I wanted to get out and meet individuals and assist them."

In 2009, RoShawn completed his MBA at Wright State, with a concentration in management, innovation, and change.

Despite their hectic careers and busy family life, the couple finds time to relax and de-stress. Michele is a runner who has completed a couple of half marathons and typically logs about 18 miles a week. RoShawn watches movies to relax, but admits he's a bit of a workaholic.

"His work is his hobby," said Michele. "He reads financial stuff for fun. That's his pastime."

Although their Wright State days are behind them, the memories are still fresh for RoShawn and Michele. The couple realizes the university was a launching pad for their careers—and for a life together. 📍





WRIGHT STATE  
GRADUATE  
COMBINES HER  
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PHOTOGRAPHY  
AND TEACHING

## For the Love of Art

BY KIM PATTON

**WHEN SALLY STRUTHERS** came to Wright State University in 1977 as a first-year student, she had never even heard of the field of art history.

"I had no idea what I was going to major in," Struthers recalled. She thought about studying pre-law or becoming a math teacher.

That would all change when she enrolled in an art history course her first quarter.

"I knew then that I would go on to get my Ph.D. and teach art history in college," said Struthers, who has been introducing Sinclair Community College students to the world of art since 1987.

Currently a professor of art history, Struthers has also served as chair of the art department, dean of fine and performing arts, and dean of liberal arts, communication, and social sciences at Sinclair.

Her passion for the arts is something she hopes to pass along to her students.

"There's a lot more to a class than just the facts," she said. "I want to impart to them a love of learning and a love of other cultures—and a desire for them to find out more on their own."

Struthers also encourages her students to travel. A first-generation college student, Struthers had limited travel experience when she entered Wright State.

A Classics Club field trip to the Art Institute of Chicago for the Philip of Macedon exhibition was an eye-opening experience for Struthers. She also participated in the Department of Art and Art History's expedition to New York City.

"It was my first trip to New York City," she said. "Going into the Met and the Museum of Modern Art was just life changing. I really knew I wanted to be an art historian and work with cultural artifacts after that."

Struthers' love for photography was also born during her days at Wright State. Photography was a required course for art history majors, but Struthers was so intimidated by the technical elements of photography—including the chemicals used in film developing—that she waited until the final quarter of her senior year to take the course.



"I found out I really loved it and wished I would have taken it sooner," she said. Photography has been a passion for Struthers ever since.

Ancient civilizations are one of her favorite subjects. "Ever since I was a small child, I loved Greek and Roman mythology," she explained. "I love reading the stories of the gods and heroes." This fascination led to Struthers' second major at Wright State—classics.

After graduating from Wright State in 1981 with a Bachelor of Arts in art history and classics, Struthers earned a master's degree and Ph.D. in art history from The Ohio State University.



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While studying for her doctorate, Struthers' primary area of focus was the Italian Renaissance followed by the classical art of Greece and Rome and the Baroque period.

Struthers has visited Italy five times and Greece twice. "Every time I go, I shoot hundreds of photographs," she said. "What I normally shoot are the temples that are related to Greek and

Roman mythology, the architecture, and sometimes the sculpture. Nearly everything has some meaning or some myth behind it."

Struthers prides herself on scouting around for the best possible vantage point. "If that means climbing 526 steps to get to the top of a dome of a cathedral so I can get aerial shots, I'll climb it," she explained.

**Sally Struthers '81** showcased her photos of ancient Greece and Rome in the solo exhibition, *Legendary Places: Photographs by Sally A. Struthers*, in Wright State University's Student Union Art Gallery.

It's a strategy that can sometimes get her into trouble. "You're not allowed to lie down on the floor of the Sistine Chapel. The guards will tell you to get back up, but that's the best way to photograph the ceiling."

Struthers travels with her husband, Ned Young, whom she met in English 111 on her first day of classes at Wright State, and their 14-year-old son, Anthony.

Her work has been showcased in more than 30 exhibitions in Ohio and Indiana, including 13 solo shows.

Her lifelong fascination with ancient cultures was rewarded with the ultimate dream job—serving as a guest curator for the Dayton Art Institute's exhibition, *The Roman World: Religions and Everyday Life*, in 2007.

"That was probably the highlight of my career," said Struthers. Some of her photographs of ancient Rome were included in the exhibition.

Over the years, Struthers has maintained a strong connection to Wright State. She served on the College of Liberal Arts Dean's Advisory Committee from 2001 to 2008. She received the University Honors Program's Distinguished Alumna Award in 2003 and the Department of Art and Art History's Distinguished Alumna Award in 2004.

"I've always sort of kept my foot over here, because I do love the place," she said. "Wright State opened up a lot of doors for me." 📷





THE PHONE RANG ONE DAY and M. Alice Callier was shocked by the voice on the other end of the line—a student she had taught 47 years earlier. The former student called to see how Callier was doing and to express appreciation for the impact she had had on her life. Both women reminisced and relished the opportunity to catch up on each other's lives. "I never dreamed I would get a call from her," Callier said.

# Educator for Life

BY KAREN STRIDER-IAJMES



We all know them—those teachers who have had a positive influence on our lives. Callier, a Wright State University alumna, is one of those special teachers who have touched the lives of thousands of students—from first-graders to college students. She hears from her

former students regularly and recently received a hand-written note that said, "I would like to thank you for your part in my adventure to success." The note was from a young man who had been in Callier's freshman English class at Wilberforce University and was now a law student at Capital University.

Callier spent the last 12 years of her career in higher education—eight at Wilberforce University and the last four at Central State University. "Although I started as a student at Central State, I ended as a professor," she said proudly.

She may be retired, but she has never stopped being an educator. Today Callier is a team leader for Book Friends, an outreach literacy program through New Hope Lutheran Church and Fairview Elementary School.

In past years, she has mentored many college freshmen. Presently she has two mentees in the Dayton Public Schools. "My plan is to see them through high school graduation," she explained. Callier is also a docent at the Dayton Art Institute, teaching students about art.

Callier's family migrated to Dayton from Alabama when she was in elementary school. "I had the best teachers ever at Wogoman School," she said. "I knew I wanted to be a teacher from the time I was 7 years old."

She earned a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from Central State University and set off on a

teaching career. She remembers her first job in Pennsylvania, teaching first graders who had not been to kindergarten. "I never looked at a challenge as something I could not accomplish," she said. She truly cared about these young children and even went to their high school graduation.

Soon she was back in Dayton and a teacher with Dayton Public Schools. While teaching, she went to Wright State part time to earn a Master of Education. Beatrice Chait, an associate professor and director of laboratory experiences, gave Callier the encouragement she needed and was instrumental in helping her become an adjunct professor. Callier graduated with three certifications—





Curriculum and Supervision, Elementary Administration, and Reading/Learning Disabilities.

That's when her career really took off.

The next year she became the supervisor of reading/language arts for Dayton Public Schools. Since there were no available teaching materials on individualization in reading, she wrote a step-by-step guide for the district. She later wrote more curricula on language arts and enrichment.

Literacy has always been an important element for Callier. "You get more than what you think when you have literate people in your schools and neighborhoods," she said. "We don't

really value education enough."

One of her biggest accomplishments was establishing the gifted education program for Dayton Public Schools. "I proved that all gifted students are not on the East Coast. I also felt it was important to see that African Americans were on both ends of the spectrum," she explained. "A gifted program highlights your strengths and builds confidence."

A consummate educator, Callier not only wanted to teach students, she wanted to teach the teachers to be more effective. Her master's degree from Wright State gave her the credential she needed. "I thought God had given me this ability and I should use it," she explained.

Callier was an adjunct instructor at Wright State, Sinclair Community College, and Wilberforce University—all at the same time. Yet she was always able to balance her professional, spiritual, and home life.

"None of this would be possible without Wright State," she said. "It has continued to surround me with opportunities."

As a child, she loved social studies and learning about far-off lands. "I remember thinking, 'I'm going to go there some day.'" And she did, visiting the pyramids in Egypt, Italy, Morocco,

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Spain, Mexico, and Canada. She even took a party boat up the Nile River. Her trip to the Holy Land brings back special memories of putting a prayer in the Western Wall for her husband, who was sick at the time, and even bringing back a small gift for each of her 125 students.

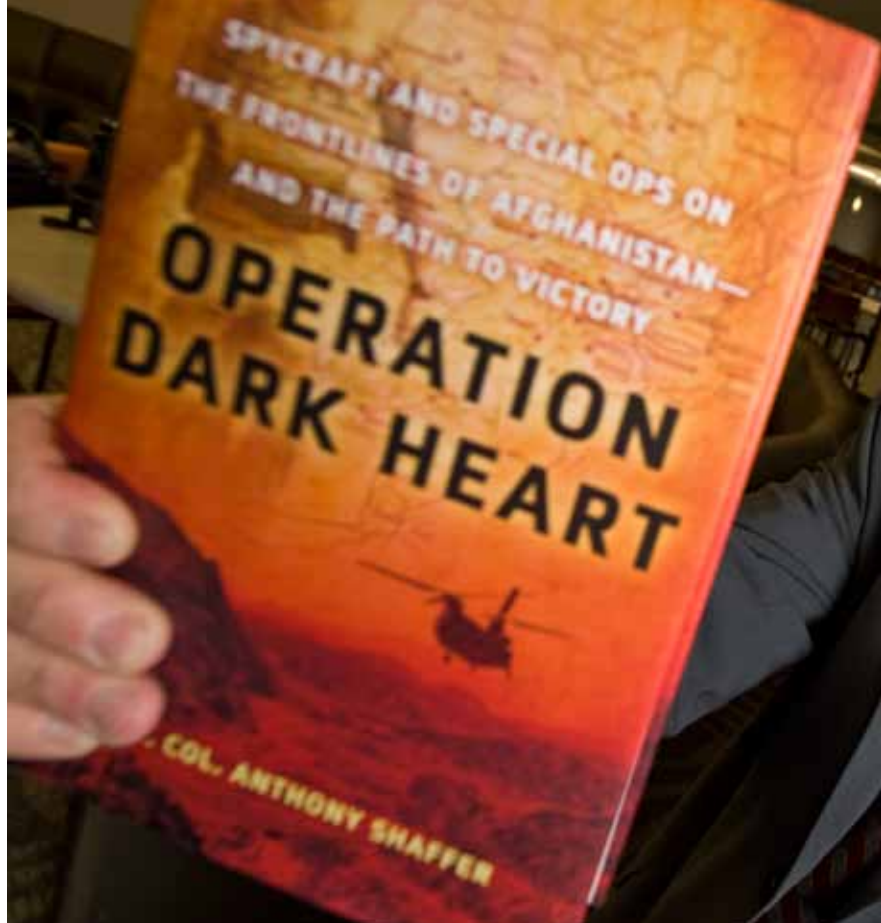
Callier's spirituality also helps guide her in life. When she visited the Holy Land in time of war, she prayed that the Lord would take care of her. Even though she was holed up behind a restaurant's locked doors for safety, it was a fascinating and rewarding trip. "The Lord always works out life for me," she said. ☐



Lt. Col. Anthony Shaffer '86  
shares his personal story of  
the war on terror from the  
front lines of Afghanistan

# SECRET AGENT MAN

BY KIM PATTON



**TONY SHAFFER'S JOURNEY** from Wright State University has been one filled with top-secret missions, bureaucratic roadblocks, and the honor of serving his country.

"Wright State prepared me very well to go forth and do things," said Shaffer, who graduated in 1986 with a Bachelor of Arts in political science and environmental studies. He was also a member of the national championship mock trial team that defeated Northwestern University in front of the Iowa Supreme Court.

Shaffer's career as a spy began at Wright State when he took time off from classes to attend basic intelligence officer training at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. He also left campus for nearly a quarter to engage in military counterterrorism operations in Europe.

Shaffer jokes that his foray into the world of espionage was "a badly kept secret" on campus. Charlie Funderburk, professor of political science, and his band once played the song "Secret Agent Man" in Shaffer's honor at a political science honors society event in the Student Union.

Little did Shaffer's professors and friends know what would follow in the years to come.

August 13, 2010. St. Martin's Press hits a major stumbling block as it prepares its initial shipment of *Operation Dark Heart: Spycraft and Special Ops on the Frontlines of Afghanistan—and the Path to Victory*. Despite previous approval of the manuscript from the U.S. Army in January, a last-minute attempt is under way by the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) to block the release of the war memoir by Shaffer, a former DIA intelligence officer and lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve.

Citing national security concerns, the DIA manages over the next several weeks to have some 250 passages of Shaffer's book blacked out. The agency also spends \$47,300 to purchase and destroy 9,500 copies of the book's first printing.

It wasn't Shaffer's first run-in with the DIA, nor would it be his last. Since the revised edition of the book—with redacted text—hit the shelves on September 24, 2010, Shaffer has filed

a lawsuit in Federal District Court, claiming that "little to none" of the information blacked out of the second printing is actually classified and that the censorship violated his First Amendment rights.

"It was very heavy-handed," said Shaffer of the censorship. "It was more about retribution and retaliation than any real concern for security. This could have been done totally under the radar. But instead the Department of Defense, led by the Defense Intelligence Agency, chose to be very provocative about it. I believe it was meant to send a signal—you don't want to cross us."

If anything, the controversy over *Operation Dark Heart* has helped sales of the book. It entered *The New York Times* hardcover nonfiction list at No. 7, jumped to the top of Amazon's biography list, and was No. 2 on Barnes & Noble's political list. Uncensored advance copies of the book, distributed to critics and media outlets prior to the government buy-back, have sold for more than \$2,000 on eBay.

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When Shaffer reported to Afghanistan in late October 2003, the country was "by all accounts, a done deal." In May 2003, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld had declared that major combat activity in Afghanistan was over. "At the very time he's talking about that, we're in the mountains breaking the back of the first attempted Taliban resurgence," said Shaffer.

In writing the book, Shaffer wanted to tell the story of what he calls "the tipping point" of the war in Afghanistan.

"We had a clearly defined victory, as advertised," he said. "But we didn't secure that victory. We didn't understand what was necessary to win the peace."

For Shaffer, winning the peace meant crossing the border into Pakistan and toppling the insurgency—a move that was supported by Shaffer's immediate

supervisors but then crushed by military top brass.

"We probably have the greatest military intelligence in the history of our country. We have brave men and women out doing the hard work of keeping our country protected," said Shaffer. "More often than not, they are hampered by policy. Bad policy has killed more people than bad intelligence."

Shaffer dedicates the final chapter of *Operation Dark Heart* to what he believes is "the path to victory" in Afghanistan. In his book, Shaffer writes:

*Right now we appear to be barreling down the same path as the British did twice, the Soviets did once, and others as far back as Alexander have done. All ended with disastrous outcomes.*

*We have to abandon the current policy.*

Not listening to the lessons of history is one of Shaffer's foremost concerns with the current strategy in Afghanistan.

"We're not going to have a treaty signing on the deck of a battleship somewhere, saying the war is over. It's just not going to happen," he said. "What we have to understand is that the adversary we're now facing has lived the way they do, with the social constricts they have, for thousands of years. Long before the Taliban showed up, the tribes were there and will continue to be there long after we leave."

The book also gave Shaffer the opportunity to share his side of the

story in the aftermath of Able Danger, a pre-9/11 special operations command mission to counter global terrorism.

In 2000, while targeting al Qaeda, the Able Danger task force discovered two of the three terrorist cells that later conducted the 9/11 attacks, including lead hijacker Mohammed Atta.

Shaffer told the 9/11 Commission about Able Danger—an admission that would ultimately cost him his job with the DIA.

For Bronze Star-recipient Shaffer, the firing felt like the ultimate betrayal. "It was a very difficult time. I had spent 25 years doing stuff, often very dangerous stuff for my country," he recalled. "I've come to realize there are still good people in defense intelligence. There are great Americans who do very difficult things every day. But their enemies often are my enemies. The very folks who came after me for trying to tell the truth and do the right thing are those who would sooner protect their careers and do what is necessary to preserve them, rather than preserve what is best for the country."

Today, Shaffer is director for external communications at the Center for Advanced Defense in Washington, D.C., where he also lectures on the psychology of terrorism.

He is frequently interviewed by national media outlets for his expertise on defense issues.

"It's been very gratifying to have been given so many opportunities to serve my country," he said. "I've enjoyed it. It's been a great adventure."■





## Consulting, **Scrappy Style**

With her own unique approach and dogged determination, **Kimberly Wiefling '84** helps people and corporations achieve what they once thought was impossible

BY KIM PATTON

**IN ONE OF HER MANY SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS,** Kimberly Wiefling '84 holds a rubber chicken at shoulder height, releases it, and lets it drop to the floor. "What caused the chicken to drop?" she asks the audience. Some say gravity. Others say, "You released it."

For Wiefling, the rubber chicken illustrates an important point about leadership. The audience members who said gravity was responsible for the chicken's plummet to the ground represent those who blame circumstances, rather than their own actions, for what happens.

"That's not what a leader does," said Wiefling. "A leader focuses on their contribution to the problem and what they can do to change the situation."

Wiefling gives her audience little rubber chickens as a reminder of this lesson. They love them in Japan, where Wiefling spends about 50 percent of her time, consulting to Japanese companies on leadership, communication, and project management.

Her company, Wiefling Consulting, was formed in 2001 after Wiefling spent 10 years at Hewlett Packard followed by a few turns at several startup companies. Wiefling admits that she

began her business "half-heartedly, with one eye on a real job." In spite of the initial rough spots and growing pains, Wiefling would eventually realize that she had found her calling in life.

"Every time I had a client where I could do something extraordinary or I could help them make a real difference, I knew that it was right for me," she said. Partnering with Japanese companies over the last five years provided further validation.

"Japanese businesses, as a whole, are embracing the work that I'm doing so enthusiastically," Wiefling explained. "They are so embracing

of my enthusiasm, my passion, my commitment, and appreciative of my knowledge and the broad wisdom that I bring."

Wiefling's collaborations with Japanese companies developed out of "pure luck." She was teaching in the project management and corporate programs at the University of California–Santa Cruz when a group of Japanese business leaders came to the school's English Language Institute. Little did she know that sitting in the back of her leadership workshop was Yuko Shibata, an executive at ALC Education, Inc., in Tokyo, Japan.

Shibata invited Wiefling and three other colleagues to travel to Japan to present a similar program in Tokyo. The

overcome the fear of failure. "Failure is not fatal," she explained. "You're not going to be a great innovator or leader if you think like that."

### "Scrappy" Kimberly's words of wisdom

Wiefling's commitment to helping others achieve their fullest potential led to her book, *Scrappy Women in Business: Living Proof that Bending the Rules Isn't Breaking the Law*. It is a collaborative work between Wiefling and 11 of her "scrappy gal-pals" who share their stories.

"I wanted to write a book that tells other women it's OK if your life and your career are not unfolding in perfect clockwork fashion. If your life is

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workshop was so well received that it eventually evolved into a full-fledged program on global leadership and management. Wiefling and a team of seven other people now travel to Japan on a regular basis to teach these seminars.

"Kimberly is personally inspiring as well as professionally extraordinary," said Shibata. "The impact she has had on our clients—global Japanese businesses with employees from dozens of different countries—has been profound. She is truly an agent of transformational change in organizations, including our own, ALC Education, Inc."

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She also counsels people on how to

lurching fitfully this way and that and you've had kind of a bumpy ride, that is normal. Please don't feel inferior in any way, because all of us have, too," she explained.

Published in August 2010, *Scrappy Women in Business* joins the series of six *Scrappy* guides produced by Wiefling. Other titles include: *Scrappy Project Management*, *Scrappy Information Security*, *Scrappy Business Contingency Planning*, *Scrappy General Management*, and *Scrappy Project Management in Japanese*.

*Scrappy Women in Business* was also Wiefling's own personal statement against the glass ceiling many women encounter. "I'm a little tired of seeing the disparity in how women are contributing in our business world," she confided. "I think people need to understand that we cannot afford to keep half of our population from contributing fully to solving the business problems that we face."

## Top 3 "Scrappy Tips" from Kimberly Wiefling

In her books and workshops, Kimberly Wiefling provides "scrappy" tips that apply to anyone at any stage of life.

**Tip #1—What you think is impossible is probably only difficult.**

"You should never limit your options just because something temporarily seems impossible," said Wiefling.

**Tip #2—Don't kill other people's ideas just because you don't know how to achieve something.**

"Each of us, as smart as we are, only knows less than one percent of everything in the entire universe," Wiefling explained. "Something in the 99 percent that we don't know could make someone else's idea possible."

**Tip #3—Everything in life does not have to be neat and clean and tidy.**

"You can do what you need to do—it can be messy, lurching fitfully in the direction of your goals. It doesn't have to be perfect," she cautioned. "You make mistakes. You fall down and stand back up. You keep going. Being perfect is not the goal."

Wiefling said she has not encountered any gender bias during her work in Japan. Rather, she has experienced an environment of openness and respect that reminds her of her days at Wright State.

"I never suffered any gender bias when I was at Wright State, which didn't prepare me at all for the realities I would face in graduate school and the real corporate world," said Wiefling, who graduated with a dual degree in physics and chemistry. She also has a master's degree in physics from Case Western University.

"As a woman over 50, I'm through pretending it doesn't matter to me that women are still not contributing and participating fully in the business world," she added. "I am determined to change that." ■





More than 35 years after their first meeting in a Wright State geology lab, Julia Staigers and Gerard Koschal are staying busy in their retirement, owning and operating their own winery

# The Fruit OF THE Vine

BY KIM PATTON

**W**HEN JULIA STAIGERS '76 AND GERARD "GERRY" KOSCHAL '75 DECIDED THEY WANTED A VINEYARD, they moved to the Dundee Hills of Oregon's Willamette Valley, approximately 30 miles southwest of Portland. That was in 1987.

Today, they not only have their vineyard, but a winery and growing retail business that is expanding into the Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana markets.

When the couple relocated to Oregon after living in Albuquerque, New Mexico, they purchased a 10-acre site with a house, shed, fruit trees, and 4.5 acres of Gewurtztraminer, Chardonnay, and Reisling grapevines. The husband-and-wife team soon began clearing the orchard and eventually replaced all of the existing grapes, except for the Riesling, with Pinot Noir. Combining their first names, they dubbed the property Juliard Vineyard.

After 20 years of selling their grapes to other wineries and making wine for themselves, Gerry and Julia began toying with the idea of opening a small winery of their own. When Julia retired from her job as a financial

manager in 2007, it seemed like a good time to start.

"When you grow grapes you're just a farmer. You produce these grapes other wineries are making nice wine out of and you just sort of get the bug that you'd like to try it yourself," explained Gerry.

"So you start out making it for yourself, you get caught up in it, and it just keeps going and going."

As he honed his skills, Gerry learned from his own mistakes as well as the expertise of others in the business. With more than 200 wineries in the Willamette Valley, advice was never far away. He also tapped into his background as a geologist.

"From the winemaking point of view, it's a lot of science. A lot of chemistry," he said. "Knowing the soils as a geologist helps me decide where to site a vineyard."

Julia, who majored in accountancy at Wright State, balances the winery and vineyard's books and produces the necessary documentation required by the state. "There is a lot of reporting and every state that you're in has different requirements for reporting and getting licensing. There is also a lot of federal licensing involved," she explained. "You need to file different tax reports and of course keep good records of your own on how much wine you've sold. There is a lot of bookkeeping and accounting related to this."

Under the Crumbled Rock Winery label, Julia and Gerry produce approximately 6,000 bottles of Pinot Noir each year. They have just begun to bottle Riesling and hope to have their own vintage of Chardonnay in 2011. While most of their sales are to local stores and restaurants, they recently signed on with Vintner Select for distribution in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana.

Since opening Crumbled Rock Winery in 2007, Julia and Gerry concede that one of their biggest challenges has been to produce a nice, drinkable wine. "I think he's [Gerry] done that," said Julia.

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**—GERRY KOSCHAL**

The weather in Oregon can also be problematic. "We're a cool climate area and Pinot Noir is a cool climate grape. Unlike California, where they have an abundance of good sunshine, we're right at the edge," Gerry explained. "So every year you've got to wait it out and see when the rain is going to come in the fall. You get a lot of that anxiety every crush when it comes up."

The grapes are usually brought in and crushed in mid to late October. Red grapes are placed in fermenters for one-and-a-half to two weeks to change the sugars to alcohol. The juices are then pressed off the skins of the grapes and placed into barrels a month later after they settle. Eighteen to 20 months later the wine is blended, bottled, and labeled.

A winery and vineyard is a far different setting from where Julia and Gerry first met. Gerry was Julia's lab instructor when he was working on his master's degree in geology at Wright State. "She always got mad at me when I gave her a 'B,'" Gerry joked.

Following graduation, Gerry moved to western Colorado, where he worked for Union Carbide as an exploration geologist. When they decided to marry, Julia left Dayton and her job at NCR. The couple settled in Albuquerque, where they resided for 10 years, before moving to Oregon in 1987. Gerry still owns a consulting firm that specializes in cleaning up groundwater and other environmental contaminations.

Julia and Gerry say the most rewarding part of owning a winery is seeing others enjoy the fruits of their labor.

"It's just a lot of fun. You meet a lot of interesting people," said Julia. "We enjoy the wine. We enjoy making it." 🍷



Visit [www.crumbledrockwines.com](http://www.crumbledrockwines.com)  
to learn more about Julia and Gerry's  
winery and vineyard.







## Wright State graduate Brian Garry among world's most famous boxing referees

BY RICHARD DOTY

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### BRIAN GARRY LOVES TO TALK ABOUT BOXING.

The Wright State graduate took interest in the sport as a youngster tagging along with his father to a union hall gym in Springfield, Ohio, in the 1950s. Little did he know then that his love for the “sweet science” would lead to a 26-year career as a boxing referee that would take him to five continents, 22 countries, and throughout the United States, including some 33 cities in his current home state of Florida.

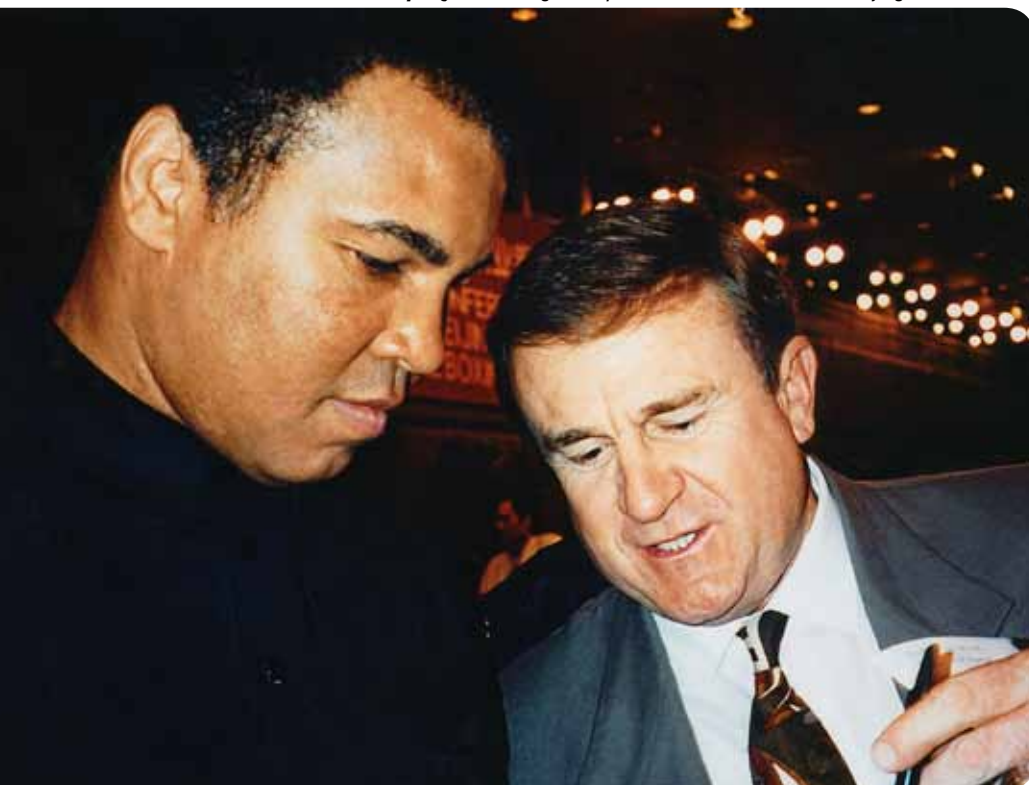
Along the way he has refereed more than 1,300 fights—including 59 world championship events—and traveled to China twice with Muhammad Ali. He has been named among the top 50 refs in the world by *The Ring* magazine, named referee of the year in 2004 by the National Boxing Association, and served as an official at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

Since his retirement as a referee in 2009, he has remained active in the sport by helping develop the Florida Boxing Hall of Fame in his hometown of Tampa and completing the book *Your Third Man in the Ring*, which reflects upon his career in the “squared circle.”

When Garry talks about boxing, his insight is only exceeded by his enthusiasm. “When you referee a fight, you have the best seat in the house to experience the energy and adrenalin of the fighters,” he explained. “The challenge is to be in the right position to make the right call all of the time. It’s a daunting task because of the quickness and athletic ability of these warriors. My motto was always ‘stop it one punch too soon, rather than one punch too late.’ Safety always comes first. You always have to focus on the safety of the athletes, the rules, and sportsmanship. If you approach the bouts in any lesser manner, you are shortchanging the athletes. My least favorite task was when the promoters came up with a mismatch, and the least talented kid needed to be protected, and saved, by an early stoppage.”

He said Muhammad Ali was without reservation the greatest of all time. “He was tall, quick, and possessed the fastest hands in the game. He was also a good person as well, very unselfish with his time and talent.” Garry said

Brian Garry (right) with legendary boxer Muhammad Ali in Beijing, China, 1993.



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one of the highlights of his career was going to China with Ali in 1993, where the American contingent sang the national anthem before the main event in front of a predominantly communist crowd of some 25,000.

But that wasn't the largest crowd he experienced. That honor goes to more than 41,000 at the Georgia Dome for an Evander Holyfield title fight in 1998. He said the best boxers he has refereed include Roy Jones, Jr., Holyfield, and Roberto Duran. "Duran gets my nod as the overall best because of his power, defense, and ring generalship," he said.

Garry, who works in the insurance and brokerage business when not involved in boxing, was raised in Springfield and was attracted to Wright State because of its affordability and proximity to home. As the first person in his family to graduate from college, he earned a B.A. in psychology from Wright State in 1969.

"I have many positive memories from Wright State," he explained, "such as the great staff in experimental psychology and some graduate work with NASA at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base." He served

on the steering committee that formed the Wright State University Alumni Association and was active with the group until moving to Florida in 1977.

But his real love was sports. More than 40 years later, he can still name several of the players from Wright State's 1967 undefeated 10-0 flag football team. On the day of his graduation, he wore his baseball uniform under his cap and gown because he had an amateur league game immediately following the ceremony.

His interest in boxing was spurred at the Springfield gym when Davey Moore was training there. Moore fought in the Olympics in 1952 and was later world featherweight champion for six years. Garry got involved in some amateur boxing as a youngster but got away from the gym after graduating from Wright State. He returned to training in Tampa when urged on by a friend.



Above and left: **Brian Garry** at the Fight Factory in Tampa, Florida.

Photos by Tom Sisson.

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"Our goal was to qualify for the Golden Gloves, but my trainer recognized that I wasn't going anyplace, except maybe the hospital if I continued boxing," Garry explained, "so when he suggested I consider becoming a referee it sounded like a good idea." After a couple of years refereeing amateur bouts, he was asked to fill in at the professional level. The rest, as they say, is history. Because of his years in the sport, Garry (whose wife, Phyllis, is a boxing judge) is a household name in boxing circles. "Brian Garry was a model referee—he's in the Florida Boxing Hall of Fame—a fine man and good citizen who loves to talk about the great sport of boxing," said Tampa sports columnist Tom McEwen in reflecting on the career of a man who has come a long way from a union hall gym in Springfield. ☐



# A Daughter's Lasting Tribute

BY KAREN STRIDER-IIAMES



LIKE MANY CHILDREN GROWING UP DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION, Rosemary P. Ramsey's parents had to quit school in order to assist their families financially. Yet they valued education so dearly that they insisted their two daughters receive a private education at Springfield Catholic Central High School. So her dad worked two jobs to make it a reality.

"I grew up very poor but didn't know it because we weren't poor in the important things," Ramsey confided. "My dad was the smartest man I've ever known but without an education, he was limited. They wanted to make sure I didn't have that limitation."

It was these values instilled in her by her parents that drove Ramsey to be the first in her family to attend college—and she chose Wright State University. "Had it not been for Wright State, I don't know if I would even have a bachelor's degree," she explained.

Ramsey didn't know whether she would succeed at college, but the faculty and staff encouraged her and helped her succeed. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and an MBA from Wright State, and later a Ph.D. in marketing from the University of Cincinnati.

"Wright State got me to where I am today," she said. Today, she is a revered professor of marketing in Wright State's Raj Soin College of Business, with a long list of credentials, awards, research, and scholarly publications. Before focusing her career on higher education, she gained valuable real-world experience

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**Jacob Jaworski**, a graduate of Springfield Catholic Central High School and a student in the Raj Soin College of Business, is the first recipient of the scholarship funded by Rosemary Ramsey.

as a systems sales analyst at NCR Corporation in Dayton, Ohio.

**As a loving tribute to her parents, she established the Claude and Helen Ramsey Memorial Scholarship Fund. It acknowledges the three forces that have been so instrumental in her life: her parents, her high school, and Wright State.** The scholarship is designated for Springfield Catholic Central High School graduates who major in any field within the Raj Sooin College of Business.

Ramsey funds the scholarship through annual gifts. In addition, she has designated Wright State as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy to ultimately endow the scholarship, keeping her parents' memory alive. This planned gift makes her eligible for membership in the Katharine Wright Legacy Society, named after the Wright brothers' sister, who was an educator.

"This is the type of school that will use gifts wisely and this is the place where a scholarship can make a huge difference," she said. "More Wright State students have to work their way through school. I've never seen students work harder."

A professor at Wright State since 2004, Ramsey is known for her commitment to her students' success and for challenging them to reach their full potential. In the classroom, she incorporates lively discussion, real-world applications—and high expectations.

**"I want to be known for helping students be happy and successful, whatever their major is,"** she said. Apparently she is succeeding, as evidenced by the number of students from all majors who stop by her office to seek advice from this valued mentor. ☐

## Legacy society will honor the memory of

# Katharine Wright

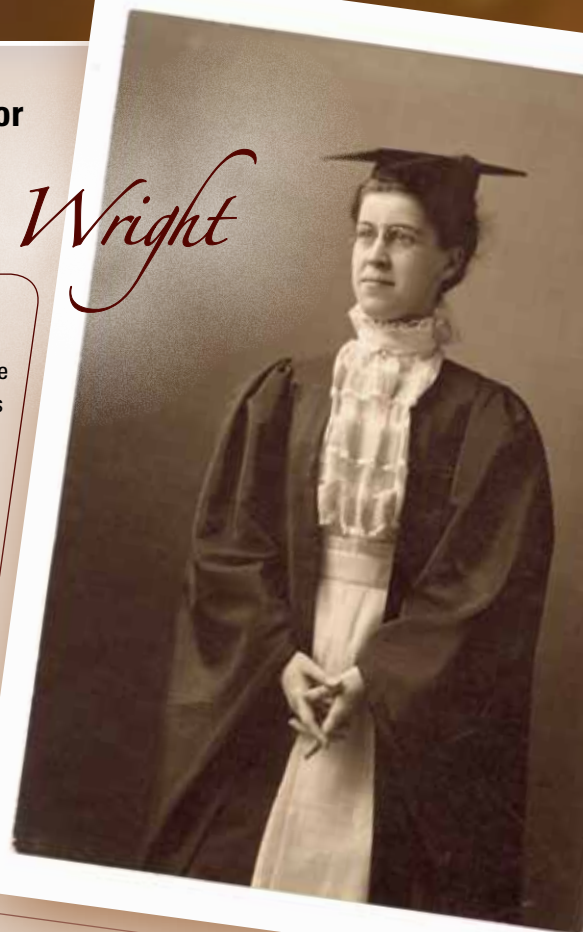
**SHE FLEW IN HER BROTHERS' AIRPLANES**, met foreign dignitaries at home and abroad, and managed the household for her father and brothers after her mother passed away.

Katharine Wright is perhaps the lesser-known sibling of Wilbur and Orville Wright, but not without her own accomplishments. Katharine was the lone member of the family to earn her college degree. She was very active in education and civic affairs. She worked as a teacher and participated in many community clubs and causes. Understanding the significance of her brothers' historic mission, she contributed ideas, funding, and organization to the developing science and business of powered flight.

**It is in this spirit of personal accomplishment and dedicated service and support that the Wright State University Foundation has renamed its Legacy Society the Katharine Wright Legacy Society to specially recognize those who have made a deferred gift commitment to Wright State.**

Individuals who have made a gift through a bequest or beneficiary designation, charitable trust or charitable gift annuity, or otherwise have made a gift that will be fully realized in the future are all invited to membership in the Katharine Wright Legacy Society. There is no minimum dollar amount to qualify, but the Foundation asks that gift documentation be provided to ensure that donor wishes are accurately implemented when the gift is realized.

In many ways, Katharine Wright's life's work extended the trajectory established by her famous brothers. Through their pledge of financial assistance, members of the Katharine Wright Legacy Society reflect the utmost confidence in the university as they commit their resources to reaching new horizons.



### Wish to be included in the Katharine Wright Legacy Society?

**If you have made a provision in your estate for Wright State but have not informed us...**

**If you have thought about doing so, but need information or assistance...**

**If you would like to receive a free Will and Trust Planing Guide to assist in planning your estate...**

**... contact Regis Lekan, director of planned giving (937-775-4988, [regis.lekan@wright.edu](mailto:regis.lekan@wright.edu)), or visit the Wright State planned giving website: [www.wright.edu/plannedgiving](http://www.wright.edu/plannedgiving)**



## Wright State honors Outstanding Alumni



TOP ROW (from left to right): James Gross, Bradley Mayer, Evangeline Andarsio, Mulk Raj, and Katherine Stevens.  
BOTTOM ROW (from left to right): Susan Heckler Pittman, Elizabeth Madigan, and Roma Raj.

### Twelve Wright State University alumni were honored at the 11th annual College Outstanding Alumni Awards.

Each college recognizes former students who have gone on to make exceptional contributions to their professional fields while giving back to their communities.

The recipients of the 2011 College Outstanding Alumni Awards are:

- EVANGELINE ANDARSIO**  
Boonshoft School of Medicine
- RICHARD DAVIS**  
School of Graduate Studies
- KELLY DUCHENY**  
School of Professional Psychology
- RUSSELL GAUDIANA**  
College of Science and Mathematics
- JAMES GROSS**  
School of Graduate Studies
- ELIZABETH MADIGAN**  
Wright State University–Miami Valley  
College of Nursing and Health
- BRADLEY MAYER**  
Raj Soin College of Business
- SUSAN HECKLER PITTMAN**  
Lake Campus
- MULK RAJ**  
College of Education and Human Services
- ROMA RAJ**  
College of Education and Human Services
- KATHERINE STEVENS**  
College of Engineering and  
Computer Science
- ANN WEISGARBER**  
College of Liberal Arts

### Class of 1968

**Connie Jo McCarroll, D.O., (B.S., M.S. '70)** is an associate professor of pediatrics at Ohio University's College of Osteopathic Medicine.

### Class of 1969

**Evelyn Maple (B.S.Ed.)** has retired after 30 years of teaching at Wilmington and Wheelersburg (Ohio) schools.

### Class of 1970

**Jo Anne Dilworth Collins (B.S.Ed., M.Ed. '75)** has retired after 38 years of teaching in Ohio and North Carolina. She is a National Board Certified Teacher in library/media, early childhood through young adult. Collins was awarded the OELMA/Follett Librarian of the Year Award, the Kettering Outstanding Teacher award, Star Talents Are Recognized award, and the Ashland Oil Golden Apple Achiever Award during her 32 years as a library/media specialist at Kettering City Schools. She is currently working as a reference substitute at the Dayton Metro Library, still putting her library and teaching skills to good use.

### Class of 1973

**Gerald Martin (M.B.A.)** was appointed to the board of directors of the Louisville branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. Martin is vice president and member of River Hill Capital, LLC, in Louisville, Kentucky. He also serves as chairman of the board of directors of the Louisville Water Company and is a member of the board of directors of Concord Custom Cleaners.

### Class of 1974



**Charlie Painter (M.S.)** was inducted into the Dublin (Ohio) Coffman High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He currently teaches mathematics at Beavercreek High School. Beavercreek's

2010 girls' tennis team won the Greater Western Ohio Conference Central Championship with a record of 16-4. Painter was the former head women's tennis coach at Wright State and was selected as Wright State University's Coach of the Year in 1996. He won his 561st career tennis match in Fall 2010, placing him among the top 20 active coaches in Ohio. Painter resides in Centerville, Ohio, with his wife, Karen, and children Cristian and Tory.

**Denise Youngblood (B.A.)** co-authored, with Tony Shaw, *Cinematic Cold War: The American and Soviet Struggle for Hearts and Minds*. This is her sixth book on Russian and Soviet film history.

### Class of 1977

**Elinor Benedict (M.A.)** published a poem, "Early Girl," in the annual literary anthology, *The New Guard*. Benedict's current poetry book, *Late News from the Wilderness*, is available at [www.mainstreetrag.com](http://www.mainstreetrag.com). Her website, [www.elinorbenedict.com](http://www.elinorbenedict.com), has sample poems and other information.

### Class of 1979

**Sharon Applegate (B.S.)** is working on a second degree in anthropology with a minor in Spanish from SUNY New Paltz. She is also studying immigration and naturalization law at the City University of New York. Applegate volunteers with Doctors Without Borders, City College Citizenship Project, and the Rural and Migrant Ministries Program of the Episcopal Church. She has served on the Association of the Bar of the City on New York's Committee on Immigration and was recently co-president of the Parents' Association of Brooklyn Technical High School for Science and Engineering, the largest and most diverse specialized science high school in the country. Applegate plans to return to Dayton in September to run in the Air Force Half Marathon.

### Class of 1981



**Ann Eisenstein (M.Ed.)** published her debut novel, *Hiding Carly*, a juvenile mystery about the murder of an FBI agent, a parental kidnapping, and a young boy's

determination to uncover the truth about his dad. As a psychologist, Eisenstein has served in school systems in Texas, California, Michigan, and South Carolina, in an adolescent psychiatric treatment facility, in private practice, and for the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice. She has taught college-level psychology in Columbia, South Carolina, where she resides. Go to [www.wright.edu/hidingcarly](http://www.wright.edu/hidingcarly) to read more about Ann Eisenstein and *Hiding Carly*.

## Class of 1982

**Steve Meldon (B.S.)** has been awarded the Clinical Faculty Teacher of the Year Award for the University of Oklahoma Emergency Medicine Residency Program. Meldon is a nationally recognized expert in the field of geriatric emergency care and has authored numerous papers and textbook chapters. He received his doctorate in medicine from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and is a tenured associate professor of emergency medicine at Case Western Reserve University.

**Michael Stewart (M.Ed.)** was selected by Ohio Project Learning Tree as the Outstanding Educator for 2010 and was nominated for the National Project Learning Tree Outstanding Educator for 2011. Stewart is currently working on his Ohio Environmental Education Certification and is a naturalist for the Miami County Park District. He also serves on the planning committee for the annual 101 Conference at the YMCA's Camp Kern.

## Class of 1983

**Mark Benbow (M.A.)** authored *Leading Them to the Promised Land: Woodrow Wilson, Covenant Theology, and the Mexican Revolution, 1913–1915* (Kent State University Press, June 2010). Benbow teaches American history at Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia.

## Class of 1984

**J. Todd Anderson (B.A., B.F.A.)** was the storyboard artist on the Academy Award–nominated film *True Grit*.

## Class of 1988

**Douglas Talmage (B.S.B.)** completed a specialized educational program in professional divorce analysis and is now a Certified Divorce Financial Analyst™ (CDFA™). Talmage is one of only two CDFA™ professionals in Dayton, Ohio. He is an owner of Pohlman & Talmage CPAs, Inc.



## Class of 1992

**Shirelle Hayes Applin (B.S.)** practices family medicine at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. She lives in Beavercreek, Ohio, with her husband, Myron, and daughters Alexandria and Alyssa.

## Class of 1993

**David Dexter (B.S.M.E.)** is president of the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers for 2010–2011.

## Class of 1994

**Shawn Haas (B.S.B.)** and his wife, Sara, own and operate Evergreen Farm, a 15-acre horse boarding facility in Cincinnati. Haas is vice president for International Theme Park Services, Inc. (ITPS). With ITPS, he has been involved in opening numerous parks and attractions worldwide, including the Newport Aquarium and the Purple People Bridge Climb.

## Class of 1998

**Greg Bartell (B.S.E.E.)** was promoted to manager at Accenture. Bartell has worked in the supply chain strategy group of Accenture since 2007. He resides in Dallas, Texas.

## Class of 1999

**Sharon Underwood (B.S.Ed.)**, an English as a Second Language teacher at Fairborn City Schools, received her National Board Professional Teacher Certification in Teaching English as a Second Language, Early Adolescent Young Adult in November 2010.

## Class of 2002

**Carolyn Kaufman (Psy.D.)** published her first book, *The Writer's Guide to Psychology: How to Write Accurately About Psychological Disorders, Clinical Treatment and Human Behavior*.



**Erick Kring (M.S.E.E.)** is a mission operations engineer for Space Exploration Technologies. Kring and his wife, Linda, welcomed son Colin on November 9, 2010.

## Class of 2003

**Chad Creviston (B.S.B.)** was named a 2010 honoree of *San Diego Metropolitan Magazine's* "40 Under 40" awards. The magazine recognizes 40 members of the greater San Diego community under 40 years old for their



professional achievements and dedication to community involvement.

## Class of 2005

**Scott Bowers (B.F.A.)** was key production assistant on the Academy Award–nominated film *The Black Swan*.

**Mary Iams (B.A.)**, Coast Guard seaman, graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, New Jersey. During the eight-week training program, Iams completed a vigorous curriculum consisting of academics and practical instruction on water safety and survival, military customs and courtesies, seamanship skills, first aid, firefighting, and marksmanship. A major emphasis was placed on physical fitness, health, and wellness. Iams and other recruits were also trained in preventing sexual harassment, drug and alcohol awareness, civil rights training, the basics of work-life balance, and total quality management.

**Jesse Maxfield (B.A.; '06 M.Ed.)** was named dean of students at Stebbins High School in Dayton, Ohio.

## Class of 2006

**Larry Crowe (B.A.)** is a producer/interviewer for the HistoryMakers archives. Since 2002, he has interviewed 1,000 African Americans across the country.

## Class of 2008

**Aaron Eckstein (B.S.)**, Coast Guard petty officer 3rd class, graduated from the Aviation Survival Technician Class "A" course and was promoted to his current rank at Coast Guard Aviation Technical Training Center in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. During the course, Eckstein received hands-on experience in the preparation, inspection, operation, repair, and maintenance of aviation survival and rescue equipment. Eckstein was also instructed in a rigorous physical training and

water rescue program to prepare him as a rescue swimmer for a helicopter rescue team. As a rescue swimmer, Eckstein must be able to function in a variety of hostile environments while completing water rescue operations.

## Class of 2009

**Whitney Braunlin (B.A.)** was accepted to the Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University.

**Justin Kilmer (B.A.)** is working in Los Angeles as a post-production assistant on the CBS drama *NCIS*. Kilmer has also worked on the red carpet for the Screen Actors Guild Awards, toured the East Coast on Syfy's *Ghost Hunters Academy*, and was spotted in some tabloids while working on VH1's *Celebrity Rehab*.

## Class of 2010

**Margaret Barnes (B.S.N.)** is an R.N. at Miami Valley Hospital.

**Jacob Bradosky (B.S.)**, an Air Force second lieutenant, won the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. Bradosky finished the 26.2-mile race in 2:23:30, 11 seconds ahead of second place. He is currently stationed at Vandenberg Air Force Base near Santa Barbara, California.

Jacob Bradosky



## Wright State names new Assistant Director of Alumni Relations

No stranger to the university, Amy Shope graduated from Wright State in 2006 with a degree in organizational leadership. She also holds an associate degree in marketing management from Sinclair Community College. Shope worked for Culture Works for the last 10 years, the last eight of which she was a member of the development team as the director of workplace fundraising.







# Vaughn Duggins:

A season of passion, pain, and performance

BY JIM HANNAH

**MAYBE IT WAS THE NORMAN ROCKWELL-LIKE CHILDHOOD**, growing up in Indiana farm country with a basketball hoop in the driveway.

Maybe it was the natural athleticism that was nourished and burnished by years of being a gym rat.

Maybe it was simply love of the game and a fear and hatred of sitting on the sidelines.

Whatever it was, it gave Vaughn Duggins the mental toughness to put together a highlight-filled basketball season while playing most of it with a stress fracture of his back.

"It's all pain management," Duggins said. "I don't feel it as much when I play. And once I go out there, I try to play with reckless abandon."

That reckless abandon had the fifth-year senior guard averaging 18.2 points and 3.8 rebounds a game in leading the Raiders to a 19-14 record and into the quarterfinals of the Horizon League Tournament.

"He had a strong senior season to finish an impressive career. Quite frankly, I'll miss watching him play," wrote Kyle Nagel, who covers Wright State basketball for the *Dayton Daily News*.

Duggins played in a program-record 130 games and finished third on the all-time Wright State career scoring list, with 1,777 points. In Wright State's regular-season victory over Hofstra, playing the whole time with a back brace, Duggins scored a career-high 31 points.

ESPN broadcaster Mark Adams called it the best performance in the weekend BracketBuster event, saying Duggins outthustled, outmuscled, and outtussled Hofstra and was the example whom everyone followed.

"He's the ultimate competitor," head athletic trainer Jason Franklin said of Duggins. "Sometimes he makes it difficult because he will play through any injury and won't want to tell you what is hurting. I'd take a whole team of him."

The 6-foot-3, 195-pound Duggins is strong, fast, agile, and explosive.

"Vaughn is the most athletic and best all-around basketball player I've ever coached," said Joe Buck, who coached Duggins at Pendleton Heights High School, north of Indianapolis, during Buck's 26-year coaching career. "There was not a practice that passed without Vaughn amazing the coaching staff because of his athleticism."

While Duggins prides himself on his defensive intensity and being a team leader, he can be a scoring machine. But coaches throughout his career have had to push Duggins to take shots because he also prides himself on getting his teammates the ball.

Duggins set a single-season scoring record for Pendleton Heights his senior season, averaging 26.5 points a game.

"But I had to coach him to get him to try to score—a very, very unselfish player," Buck recalled. "There were times he might have 25, and I would tell Vaughn he had to look to score."

Hard to believe Duggins wouldn't want to score as much as possible. His idol is Pistol Pete Maravich, the LSU star who holds the college scoring record—an astonishing 44.2 points-per-game average at a time before scoring averages were ballooned by the 3-point line.

When reminded of that achievement, Duggins just shakes his head in wonder. "The number," he says, "the number."

PHOTO BY TIM ZECHAR

Duggins grew up in a basketball family in a basketball-crazy state. His parents, Curt and Paula, played college basketball at Indiana Tech. Duggins learned the basics of the game from his father. He began playing organized basketball at age 7 or 8, joining a rec league at the local YMCA.

As a boy, Duggins enjoyed the outdoors. His family home sat on 35 acres, some of which were leased out to farmers. The setting gave Duggins a love for wide-open spaces, and he would often go four-wheeling in the nearby fields and woods.

But Duggins also loved enclosed spaces, namely basketball gyms. Or at least he came to love them, spending hours there refining his shooting skills.

"The game came natural to me, but developing into a good player, I had to learn the hard way," he said.

Buck first spotted Duggins in summer basketball camps.

"I knew he was going to be a special-type player because of his competitive nature and his incredible work ethic, which I feel is second to none," Buck said.

At Pendleton Heights, Duggins played on the varsity as a freshman and began starting at the end of his freshman year. During Duggins' four years there, the team won 70 percent of its games.

"I was tougher on Vaughn than any other player on the team," Buck said. "He understood I was just trying to make him the best he could be. He learned early that anything less than 100 percent was not going to be acceptable."

Despite his considerable success in high school, Duggins was never the least bit arrogant, said Buck, who witnessed acts of kindness and compassion. During offseason pickup games, Buck said, Duggins would be the first to console and encourage a player with minimum basketball talent after he made a mistake, even if it was a game-deciding mistake.

When the college recruiting war for Duggins began in earnest, the inside

track was held by Billy Donlon, assistant to then University of North Carolina–Wilmington coach Brad Brownell.

Donlon, who is currently head coach at Wright State, seldom if ever missed one of Duggins' AAU games, whether it was in Kentucky or Nevada.

And then there were Donlon's visits to Duggins' home, which included an epic ping-pong battle in the basement won by Donlon. (The victory gave Donlon the right to name the ping-pong table, which he immediately dubbed Coach Donlon Court. He's yet to offer Duggins a rematch.)

Even though home-state power Indiana University showed interest in Duggins, he said Donlon's and Brownell's passion about basketball and desire to be the best was contagious.

"They're even crazier about basketball than some of the people in Indiana," Duggins said. "It was kind of natural to be drawn to these guys."

So Duggins decided to play for them. And when Brownell and Donlon left UNC–Wilmington to coach at Wright State, Duggins agreed to follow them.

The highlight of Duggins' college career came in 2007, when Wright State made the NCAA Tournament only to lose 79-58 in the first round to a Pittsburgh team that boasted 7-foot center Aaron Gray.

"But we've had so many things that have happened since then that I'm proud of," said Duggins, who "bleeds" Raider green and gold.

Life outside the court and the classroom includes regular visits to family and friends in Indiana and marathon Call of Duty video game sessions with teammates.

"We put our headsets on and look like a bunch of geeks," Duggins said.

He also admits that he enjoys shopping and likes to dress with an eye for fashion.

During Duggins' Wright State career, his parents never missed a home game and attended most of the road games. Duggins is always aware of where

they are sitting, even though it's not together. Curt and Paula Duggins have two different rooting styles and agree it's best to separate for the duration of the game. Paula sits near the court with mothers of the other players. Curt likes to be in one of the top rows, with an eagle's eye view of the action.

"He's kind of quiet. He likes to just watch the game and think about plays," Duggins said. "She's more emotional. She's the real vocal one, yelling at the refs."

Duggins was sailing through his senior season until November 28 during the Southern Illinois game in the Chicago Invitational Challenge. He came down from a rebound wrong and fell.

"It was a weird pain. I had never felt anything like that in my back before," Duggins recalled. "It didn't really hurt too bad at first. But I knew something wasn't right. I continued playing on it. I thought it was something that was going to go away. But the pain never went away."

Athletic trainer Franklin said it took a while to figure out what was wrong. The injury was finally diagnosed as a stress fracture of the lower back, the lumbar vertebrae. The fracture causes the muscles around it to spasm, which causes the pain. Besides wearing the back brace, Duggins went through extended warm-ups prior to each game.

"You treat it by treating the pain," Franklin said. "I don't know if warrior is the right word, but Vaughn takes toughness to a new level."

Coach Donlon knows that all too well.

"He is the most underrated really good player I've ever seen," Donlon said. "He's never had a bad day in practice, in conditioning, in the weight room, due to lack of effort."

After the season, Duggins gave his back and his effort a bit of a rest. But it won't be for long. He wants to continue playing basketball, either in Europe or perhaps get a shot at the NBA.

"Hopefully, I finished strong enough that I'll get a couple looks," he said. 🐾



# N'Gai Evans: From Lil' Guy to Big Man on the hardwood

BY JIM HANNAH

**WHEN N'GAI EVANS ARRIVED** at Wright State as a freshman basketball player, he was a spindly 148 pounds. His teammates called him Lil' Guy. Opponents dissed him.

"That was just a little bit of a motivator for me to get that much bigger and improve," Evans said. "I already knew I could play, but to have a little more size would help."

By his senior season, the Lil' Guy nickname no longer applied. With the help of weight training and a nutrition-filled diet, Evans had packed on more than 30 pounds of muscle and was a 180-pound force to be reckoned with.

And that force was evident on the court.

The 6-foot-2 senior point guard became a slashing attacker, either driving to the basket or drawing the defense to him and kicking the ball out to a perimeter shooter.

He was the second-leading scorer on the team, averaging 14.2 points a game. (Only Vaughn Duggins had more points and played more minutes.) And Evans was the top rebounder, getting four per game on average. He was named to the All-Horizon League's Second Team.

Evans poured in 22 points at Cleveland State. But the best was yet to come.

On January 16, Evans scored a career-high 26 points—20 of which came in the second half—to lead Wright State to a thrilling 69-64 victory over arch-rival Butler, which last season came within a whisker of winning the national championship.

The Raiders trailed 60-55 with 4:31 left, but took the lead when Evans hit Cooper Land with a pass that led to



**N'gai Evans** is carried off the court by exuberant fans at the Wright State University Nutter Center after scoring 26 points in the Raiders' victory over Butler.

a layup. Evans then converted a three-point play with 46 seconds left to give Wright State the lead for good. The victory broke a seven-game losing streak against Butler.

"That was just a big win," he said. "Our whole community wanted to see us beat them, finally. And it was great because it was at home."

Evans began playing organized basketball at age 5 in a church league. The other players were two to three years older than him, giving him a confidence that carried on to later years. His skills were further sharpened by competing against his father, who played basketball at a junior college in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

During his senior season at North Canton Hoover High School, Evans averaged 17.2 points a game, shooting 50 percent from the field and leading his team to an 18-4 record. However, no Division I colleges came calling.

So his coach, Randy Montgomery, convinced then-Wright State coach Brad Brownell to take a look at his star. Brownell watched Evans play at a few open gyms, saw the talent, and offered a scholarship.

At Wright State, Evans primarily worked with assistant coach Billy Donlon.

"Whew. Did he push me?" Evans said. "There were times my freshman year I almost wanted to quit because at the time it was so hard for me. I said, 'Man,

I don't want to do this. I'm tired of this guy yelling at me, being on me.' But right now, I'm glad that he did it. He really pushed me."

Evans' Wright State experience also enabled him to expand his horizons. He played on an Athletes in Action team that did a seven-city exhibition tour of China.

Low point? The 13-hour plane ride.

"That was the worst flight of my life. I was pulling my hair out," Evans recalled. "It was just so long. I wasn't used to being in a plane that long."

High point? Seeing the Great Wall of China, a massive, towering stone and earthen fortification that stretches for more than 5,000 miles.

"The Great Wall was awesome," Evans said. "I ran about 1,000 feet of it, and that was about it. I was done. That thing's huge."

When Evans isn't practicing or studying, he enjoys playing video games and listening to hip-hop. His favorite artist is Lil Wayne.

Evans is a criminal justice major and envisions a possible law enforcement career down the road. But not before giving professional basketball a shot.

He plans to attend a few camps in hopes of getting an NBA team interested. He also sees playing basketball in Europe as a possibility.

"I love basketball," Evans said. "I don't know what I would do if I didn't have it." 🐾

# Human rocket **Cassandra Lloyd** “hurdles” record book

BY JIM HANNAH

## JUST BEFORE WRIGHT STATE HURDLER

**CASSANDRA LLOYD BEGINS A RACE,** she says a little prayer. Turns out her opponents need it more than she does.

The 21-year-old lightning bolt has broken 26 school records in the three years she's been at the university. And she has won the Horizon League indoor 60-meter hurdles and outdoor 100-meter hurdles in each of the past three years, breaking league records each time.

"I truly believe she's the best athlete we've ever had on campus," said track coach Fabien Corbillon. "If she was in any other sport, people would be talking about her all over the place. She's at that level."

Lloyd has the physical tools to be a great hurdler—a sleek upper body combined with muscular hamstrings and calves. But Corbillon says it's another quality that really sets her apart from the competition.

"You cannot find anybody who's going to want it more," he said.

It's a quiet determination, possibly forged by having to compete with her five sisters and two brothers when she was growing up in nearby Springfield. The family remains close. They all get together during the holidays and sometimes gather at their place of worship, where Lloyd's father is pastor and she sings in the choir.

Lloyd began running track in the eighth grade, and in high school was dubbed "Little Hurdle." She had an idea she was fast because people told her so, but it wasn't until her upper class years at the former Springfield South High School that she realized she had serious speed.

As a senior, Lloyd won the state Division I 100-meter hurdles during a hotly contested race at Ohio Stadium, the last South High graduate to win a state title.

"That was pretty memorable," she recalled. "I won it by 1/100th of a second. At first, I didn't know I won because it was so close."

At Wright State, Lloyd has improved the 55-meter hurdles record from 8.73 to 8.01

seconds, the 60-meter hurdles from 9.33 to 8.27 seconds, the 100-meter hurdles from 15.19 to 13.39 seconds, and the 60-meter dash from 7.78 to 7.66 seconds. Last year, she advanced to the NCAA Outdoor Championships quarterfinals in the 100-meter hurdles. And she was named Horizon League Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field Co-Athlete of the Year.

Lloyd has accomplished all of this while having to practice in the limited McLin Gym and at nearby Fairborn High School. All of the team's contests are away because Wright State doesn't have a track that can host meets.

"She's changed the landscape of what we thought we could do here," said Corbillon. "She has sent the message that you can still come here and do something pretty special."

Lloyd led Wright State to fourth-place finishes in the Horizon League the past two years. That was no small feat considering that Wright State competes with perennial powerhouses such as Milwaukee and Youngstown State,

which give significantly more track scholarships.

Corbillon says Lloyd is a real student of the sport, always focused at practice and incessantly questioning him about running technique.

Lloyd's friends and family call her "Sanna." She is loath to brag about her accomplishments and displays shyness, flashing a sheepish smile when she admits to a weakness for McDonald's.

A junior, Lloyd is majoring in business management. She hopes to compete in the Olympic Trials next year. If an Olympics appearance and track career don't materialize, Lloyd plans to go to graduate school in sports management.

Lloyd's favorite race is 100-meter hurdles because it's a bit longer than most of her other events. She says it feels good to run and that she gets into a mental "zone" during a race.

"Usually I just tell myself what I need to do to get off the blocks, and I'll let it go from there," she said. "I don't have that much time to think." 🐾





## Setzer Pavilion/Mills Morgan Center marks five-year anniversary



BY JIM HANNAH

**T**HE SETZER PAVILION/MILLS MORGAN CENTER, a state-of-the-art training facility for Wright State University student-athletes, recently celebrated its five-year anniversary.

The 27,000-square-foot privately funded facility, which sits next to the Wright State University Nutter Center, features a full-length basketball court, weight room, locker rooms, audio-visual rooms, coaches' offices, and a study lounge.

"This facility is more than just a basketball training facility," said Wright State University President David R. Hopkins. "This is a place they come to really grow academically."

Director of Athletics Bob Grant said that while the facility has been phenomenal for practicing—especially for basketball—it has also provided a space for student-athletes to work on their studies.

"We're in the business of producing human capital, not widgets," Grant said. "We turn out young men and women every day from this great university. And this building—selfish from an athletics standpoint—really has shown a commitment to our student-athletes, making them better in all phases, whether it's life skills, academics, or athletics."

Grant said that while the facility has been a great recruiting tool for athletes,

it has also helped recruit coaches. He said the building was instrumental in helping get basketball coach Billy Donlon to Wright State, as well as former coach Brad Brownell, who is now at Clemson University.

"Brad has called us and told us several times that he wishes Clemson had a setup like this," Grant said. "They don't."

Women's basketball coach Mike Bradbury said that all six of the recruits he went after last fall agreed to come to Wright State, in large part because the Setzer Pavilion/Mills Morgan Center was better than facilities they saw at schools like Indiana, Northwestern, and Cincinnati.

"When I came up here interviewing for this job, this was a big deal for me," Bradbury said. "This place is very special, and it's a big part of our success." 🐾

**Wright State donors and alumni** attended a reception at the Setzer Pavilion/Mills Morgan Center to help mark the facility's five-year anniversary.



## Former Raiders basketball star writes memoirs

BY SETH BAUGUESS

**HE'LL BE FOREVER REMEMBERED** by Raiders' basketball fans for hitting



"The Shot" to beat No. 25 Xavier University in the 1995 MCC Tournament, but today Delme Herriman '96 is an author.

In his book *Mr. Versatility*,

Herriman writes about his dream as an English teen to come play basketball in the United States. Those dreams came true when he was offered a full scholarship at Wright State University, making him one of the first English players to achieve the honor.

After redshirting his freshman year, Herriman quickly became a starter and helped the Raiders beat the University of Illinois–Chicago for the 1993 conference title and a chance to play No. 1 seed Indiana University in the NCAA tournament.

Herriman went on to sign a lucrative contract in Italy's top division in 1996, becoming the first-ever Englishman to play in Italy's Premier League.

After eight years on various European teams, Herriman became one of the most versatile English players to ever play the game and is proud to call himself a basketball journeyman and now an author.

*Mr. Versatility* is available at the Wright State University Bookstore. 🐾

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**"As part of my program, I have been able to volunteer at many places, like St. Vincent de Paul, and intern at the juvenile court. This has led to a part-time job helping at-risk children complete community service. I love working with kids. With kids, there's still hope. The ones I work with in juvenile court are good kids, they just need things to do to keep them busy. It's hard work, but I love it. I'm a better person for it, and I'm helping them to change their lives, too."**

*Shayna*

Shayna Boyd  
Rehabilitation Services major



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When Wright State graduate Jim Neitzke learned that his 10-year-old son, Matt, had Hodgkin's lymphoma, his world was turned upside down. For seven arduous months, Jim and his wife, Christine, lovingly supported their son through chemotherapy and radiation. From this family's greatest challenge sprang forth a new beginning—The Dragonfly Foundation, created to bring comfort and joy to kids with cancer.

**The Elephant in the Living Room**

Hailed by Academy Award-winning director Michael Moore as "one of the scariest, most entertaining and technically perfect films," *The Elephant in the Living Room* brings the controversial issue of exotic animal ownership into the public view. Meet film co-producer John Adkins '86 and discover his passion for documentary filmmaking.

